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Docket No.: 1568.1079

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kenji Ando et al.

Serial No. 10/784,197

Group Art Unit:

Confirmation No. 9246

Filed: December 31, 2003

Examiner:

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE SAME

**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REGARDING POWER OF ATTORNEY INADVERTENTLY  
FILED IN INCORRECT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to a typographical error, a Power of Attorney was filed in the instant application on January 31, 2005, but which should have been filed in application number 10/748,197. The typographical error was committed inadvertently and that the proper application, as indicated in the Attachment A to the Letter to the Examiner filed January 31, 2005, indicates the correct application number for the above noted docket number.

It is respectfully submitted that the prior powers of attorney for the instant application should not be affected by the filed Power of Attorney. In order to clarify the record, it is respectfully requested that the filed Power of Attorney be expunged from the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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